

because I have not always found the eggs before they hatched. This year I have purposely left a few batches of eggs where they were laid to see if they can survive a Scottish winter and the presence of spiders, parasites and hundreds of insect-eating birds. — R. ELLIOTT, "Burnbank", Saline, (Dunfermline), Fife.

ACANTHOPHILA ALACELLA (ZELLER) IN KENT. — I know nothing of the present distribution of this moth (described by Meyrick as local and uncommon), a specimen of which came to my m.v. light in Orlestone Forest on the 9th July. As so often in 1977 the north-east wind made the attendance at the sheet small and the rather jaunty gait of the insect first drew my attention. In a late year like this the date is a peculiar one for a moth whose time of flight is given as July-August. — R. FAIRCLOUGH, Blencathra, Deanoak Lane, Leigh, Surrey, 5.viii.77. [Mr. Fairclough's record appears to be the first of this species for Kent. — J.M.C.-H.]

HYLES GALLII ROTT. AND MACROGLOSSUM STELLATARUM L. IN LANCASHIRE. — I was examining the contents of my m.v. trap here on 10th July, 1977, and was very pleased to find a Bedstraw Hawkmoth (*H. gallii* Rott.).

I saw a Hummingbird Hawkmoth (*M. stellatarum* L.) at honeysuckle on the evening of 7th July near my home, which I tried to catch and failed. — J. J. WHITESIDE, Dover Farm, Blackburn Old Road, Hoghton, near Preston, PR5 0SJ.

HYLES GALLII ROTT. AND EUROIS OCCULTA L. IN WARWICKSHIRE. — On the morning of 26th June, 1977, I was surprised to find a perfect female of *H. gallii* Rott. in my garden m.v. trap amongst 23 other species of macros. The condition of the specimen and the prevalent north-easterly winds for some weeks previous suggest the moth may have emerged locally.

On the morning of 18th July, 1977, after a mild overcast night with a south-westerly wind, *Eurois occulta* L. was another welcome migrant. — D. C. G. BROWN, 25 Charlote, near Warwick.

EUROIS OCCULTA L. IN NORTH-EAST SURREY. — After the night of 13th/14th August, 1977, a rather worn male specimen of the Great Brocade (*E. occulta* L.) was found in the garden light trap here at Purley. The moth is of a light grey colour and possibly of continental origin. — P. M. STIRLING, 83 Grasmere Road, Purley, Surrey.

DYPTERYGIA SCABRIUSCULA L. (LEP.: NOCTUIDAE) IN HILTON, DERBYSHIRE. — On the night of 2nd July, 1977, a specimen of the Bird's-wing, *Dypterygia scabriuscula* L., came to light here at Hilton. Since I had not previously recorded this species, I contacted Mr. F. Harrison, the Derbyshire county recorder, who informs me that it is a new record for Derbyshire and elsewhere in the region, apart from an occasional record from Staffordshire none of which is recent. Mr. R. G. Warren confirmed its scarcity in Staffordshire, but added that three specimens had been taken this year, including one at Chartley